

**Amendment to the Claims**

This listing will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1- 6 (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) A cosmetic composition comprising:

a crosslinked silicone elastomer;

a plurality of inorganic[[,]] ~~substantially~~ spherical particles having a particle size range from about ~~4~~ 5 microns ~~micron~~ to about 25 microns, the inorganic[[,]] ~~substantially~~ spherical particles being selected from the group consisting of silica, boron nitride, ~~Teflon, polyurethane powder, talc,~~ mica, sericite, and mixtures thereof, and

a vehicle.

8. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the particle size range is about 5 microns to about 20 microns.

9. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the particle size range is about 8 microns to about 15 microns.

10. (Currently amended) The cosmetic composition of claim ~~28~~ 7, wherein the particle size range is about 8 microns to about 10 microns.

11. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the crosslinked silicone elastomer is present in an amount from about 0.01 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

12. (Currently amended) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the ~~substantially~~ spherical particles are present in an amount from about 0.01 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

13. (Currently amended) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the ~~substantially~~ spherical particles are present in an amount from about 0.5 wt.% to about 5 wt.% of the total weight of the composition.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the crosslinked silicone elastomer is selected from the group consisting of: dimethicone crosspolymer; organopolysiloxane; polysilicone-11; and dimethicone/vinyl dimethicone crosspolymer; and mixtures thereof.

16. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, further comprising a secondary component selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) an estrogen synthetase stimulating compound;
- (ii) a 5 alpha-reductase activity inhibiting compound;

- (iii) an exfoliation-promoting compound;
- (iv) an ultraviolet (UV) light protecting/sunscreen agent;
- (v) a retinoid;
- (vi) a hirsutism inhibiting agent;
- (vii) a barrier function enhancing agent;
- (viii) a collagen enhancing agent;
- (ix) an elastase inhibitor;
- (x) a skin lightening agent
- (xi) an antioxidant;
- (xii) a skin cooling agent;
- (xiii) a phytoestrogen; and
- (xiv) mixtures thereof.

17. (Previously presented) The cosmetic composition of claim 7, wherein the vehicle is in a form selected from the group consisting of a solid, solution, essence, serum, pencil, spray, lotion, emulsion, cream, micro-emulsion, gel, ointment, patch, stick and tape.

18. (Previously presented) A method of improving the aesthetic appearance of skin comprising topically applying the cosmetic composition as in claim 7.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the improvement in aesthetic appearance includes at least one of the following:

- a. improving the appearance of skin texture;

- b. decreasing the appearance of fine lines and wrinkles;
- c. improving skin tone;
- d. decreasing the appearance of pore size;
- e. minimizing the appearance of skin discoloration;
- f. restoring skin luster; and
- g. minimizing signs of fatigue.

20. (Original) The method of improving the aesthetic appearance of skin comprising topically applying the cosmetic composition as in claim 16.

21. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 7, wherein the particle size distribution is about 15 microns.

22. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 8, wherein the particle size distribution is about 7 microns.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~23~~ 13, wherein the particle size distribution is about ~~7~~ 15 microns.

25. (Currently amended) The composition of claim ~~23~~ 13, wherein the particle size distribution is about ~~2~~ 7 microns.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 7, wherein the ~~substantially~~ spherical particles are selected from the group consisting of silica and boron nitride.

31. (Currently amended) The composition of Claim 30, wherein the ~~substantially~~ spherical particles are ~~spherical~~ silica.

32. (New) The composition of Claim 8, wherein the spherical particles are selected from the group consisting of silica and boron nitride.

33. (New) The composition of Claim 32, wherein the spherical particles are silica.

34. (New) The composition of Claim 13, wherein the spherical particles are selected from the group consisting of silica and boron nitride.

35. (New) The composition of Claim 34, wherein the spherical particles are silica.